Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area Frequently Asked Questions

When is your office open?

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Do you operate on Eastern time or Central time?

Eastern time.

Do you allow deer stands to be put up on the property?

Yes. Portable tree stands may be left overnight on Sugar Ridge between noon Sept. 15 and Jan. 10. They must be marked with the owner's name, address and telephone number or the owners customer ID number.

What types of hunting opportunities are allocated through a reserve draw?

Spring turkey hunting opportunities are allocated via a pre-season reserve draw. Hunters may register online for the reserve draw at http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/dnr-slh/landing page.html. Registrations are typically accepted starting the first week of March.

When is the trapping drawing?

The first Saturday in October at 10 a.m. at the Sugar Ridge office. The draw allocates opportunities for both Sugar Ridge and Blue Grass fish & wildlife areas.

Can I hunt mushrooms on the property and do I have to sign in?

Yes, you can hunt mushrooms. Signing in is not required. However, during spring turkey season, mushroom hunting is not allowed during turkey hunting hours.

Do I have to sign-in to scout, fish, hike or wildlife watch? No.

Is there a shooting range, and is there a fee to use it?

Sugar Ridge offers a rifle range, a shotgun range and an archery range. Visit dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/3648.htm for more information on shooting opportunities.

Does this property offer any special youth hunting/shooting events?

Yes. Call (812) 789-2724 for more information.

Can I run an outboard motor on Sugar Ridge waters?

No. Sugar Ridge waters are limited to the use of electric trolling motors only.

Is dog training permitted at Sugar Ridge?

Yes, but only on Area 3.